

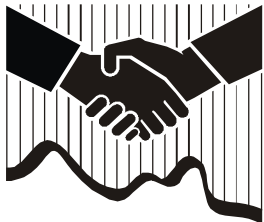
The Planning Partnership Update

News for Planning Commissions and Other Organizations Engaged in Community Planning in Hamilton County December 15, 2001

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Planning Partnership



HAMILTON COUNTY Regional Planning Commission

The mission of the Planning Partnership is to bring together public, private and civic sector organizations engaged in community planning in Hamilton county so that mutual goals related to physical, economic and social issues can be planned for comprehensively and achieved collaboratively.

Introductory Workshop for Newly Elected Officials

On December 8th, the Planning Partnership hosted its first "Introductory Workshop" for newly elected officials. Seventy-seven officials were elected for the first time this past November to councils and townships in Hamilton County. The purpose of the meeting was to provide an opportunity to the new officers to become familiar with planning initiatives of interest to their communities. In attendance were representatives of the following communities: Green Hills, Fairfax, Norwood, North Bend, Golf Manor, Terrace Park, Reading, Woodlawn, Lincoln Heights, City of Harrison, Indian Hill, Clevs, Amberley Village, Cincinnati, and Green Township. County Commissioner John Dowlin welcomed the attendees. Dick Huddleston and Bob Schuler, Planning Partnership officers as well as committee chairpersons talked about current programs and answered questions.



View of the Introductory Workshop for Newly Elected Officials.

Capital Improvement Priorities (CIP) Steering Team Kick-off

In what could revolutionize the efficiency in which capital projects are prioritized for funding requests, the Capital Improvement Priority (CIP) Steering Team held its kick-off meeting on November 9th at the Drake Conference Center. The purpose of this group is to redefine the process by which Hamilton County ranks projects for potential funding. As state and federal budgets become tighter, it is imperative that a new system is developed that will ensure that the money we receive is used in the most efficient way that benefits the region. The uniqueness of this steering team is derived by the fact that the voices of multiple stakeholders, including private, public, and civic sector groups, are assembled in one group. The November 9th meeting allowed the participants to brainstorm approaches as well as issues of concern that must be considered as the initiative moves forward. Jay Buchert and Neil Bortz were elected to serve as the C.I.P. Steering Team Co-chairs.

Visit the Planning Partnership Website at www.hamilton-co.org/hcrpc/planptnr.

**WE SHARE MANY OF THE SAME PROBLEMS.
LET'S WORK TOGETHER ON SOLUTIONS.
JOIN A COMMITTEE TODAY!**

One of the famous quotes by the sage, Rabbi Hillel, states, "If not now, when?"

We have problems, right now, in Hamilton County. As a Montgomery Planning Commissioner, I realize that many of our problems are the result of policies, practices and problems outside of our municipality. Businesses moving out of Cincinnati take with them middle income families who are moving closer to the new industry locations in areas with better schools and newer homes. The result in Montgomery is the need for more homes, businesses, and school buildings, all creating more traffic, requiring wider roads, and more parking lots. Meanwhile the City of Cincinnati is suffering from major disinvestment and the first suburbs have their problems too. These are interwoven regional problems. Neighboring communities effect each other in a multiplicity of ways.

The Planning Partnership is looking at all of Hamilton County devising solutions to solve these problems and change the current trends by creating the first Comprehensive Plan (through COMPASS) in Hamilton County since 1967.

Our program committee wants to create actions that will help implement the Comprehensive Plan. One action is to develop a structure for prioritizing all regional capital funding requests that best fits the Comprehensive Plan. This concept is now being studied in an ad-hoc committee called the CIP Steering Team. Another action in committee is to educate planning commissioners about the effects of site plan designs on stormwater. As you read through the newsletter you will read about the many actions being taken by the productive Planning Partnership committees.

The Planning Partnership cannot reach all of its goals without more committee members. Sign up today! Remember what Rabbi Hillel said, "If not now, when?"

Joanne Gerson
Chairperson Program Committee

IN THE SPOTLIGHT



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Susan H. Roschke has been the [first] Planning Director for the City of Norwood since June of 1999. Prior to that, she taught sociology at the college level. Past planning experience includes a staff position in Licking County, Ohio. Dr. Roschke graduated from Indian Hill High School here in the Cincinnati area, and has a bachelor's degree in sociology from St. Lawrence University in upstate New York, a master's in urban and regional planning from Virginia Commonwealth University, and a Ph.D. in sociology from Cornell University. Within the fields of planning and sociology, she is particularly interested in environmental issues and race and ethnic relations. In addition to working on a master plan update, a zoning code update, various economic development projects, and assisting applicants to the Planning Commission, Roschke serves as an advisor to the Norwood Tree Board and as City representative on the Norwood City Schools Community Advisory Panel.



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Don Speir retired in 1999 after 34 years with GE Aircraft Engines, where he worked first as an Exhaust Systems Engineer prior to moving into Program Management. Before that, he served 5 years as a fighter pilot in the USAF. He continues to fly small airplanes from the Blue Ash Airport. Since moving to Forest Park in 1966, Don has been active in community affairs, first with youth baseball, soccer and Boy Scouts, and then volunteering with the city in several capacities. He spent 5 years on the Forest Park Parks and Recreation Commission, the last 3 as Chairman, and for the last 13 years has served on the Parks and Recreation Commission, currently serving as Vice-Chairman. Other volunteer activities include Chairing a Community Center Task Force for Forest Park, serving as Trustee of his church and as a member of the Hamilton County RPC Planning Partnership Organizational Strategy Committee. Don earned a BS in Aeronautical Engineering from Texas A & M in 1960, and a MBA from Xavier in 1970.



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Organizational Strategy
Chairperson

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Paulette Leeper is completing her first four-year term as a Loveland City Council Member. During her tenure, she spearheaded a regional committee for the purpose of widening Loveland Madeira Road and chaired the City's Charter Review Committee. Other City Committees she serves on include the Finance Committee, Tax Incentive Review Board, and the OKI Board of Trustees. Ms. Leeper serves as Council's Representative to the Loveland Board of Education where she participates on the Bond Issue Steering Committee. She works as a volunteer reading tutor in Loveland's Ohio Reads Program. Prior to her civic involvement in Loveland, Ms. Leeper lived with her husband Andy, an attorney, in Dayton, Ohio for 8 years and worked for NCR Corporation as a technical writer. She was the company's first recipient of the NCR Information Systems Writing Award. She earned her B.A. in 1980 in English and Psychology from the State University of New York at Buffalo, and did graduate work toward an M.B.A. at the University of Dayton. She and her husband have two daughters, ages 8 and 12.

Community COMPASS Update - Register for the Countywide Town Meeting

Thanks for all the support the members of the Planning Partnership have given to the Community COMPASS effort. Input from the Community Forums was categorized and translated into goals for the county. This information will form the basis of the Countywide Town Meeting. On January 12, 2002, hundreds of residents will spend a Saturday developing a vision and strategies for moving Hamilton County toward a brighter future. Citizens, young and old, black and white, east side and west side will gather to discuss ways to overcome four challenges that stand in the way of the county accomplishing its goals. Citizens will tackle tough issues like fragmentation and distrust, race and equity, balancing the built and natural environment, and staying competitive in a global marketplace. The use of wireless computers and wireless polling keypads will make this a one-of-a-kind event for planning in this region. This one-day dynamic and highly creative session takes the best of the New England town meeting – citizens talking with citizens to solve problems – and utilizes technology to efficiently and effectively involve hundreds of citizens simultaneously. **Register today** by calling 946-4505 or on-line at www.communitycompass.org.

Stormwater Management - Educational Program for Planning Commissioners

The Planning Partnership has partnered with the Metropolitan Sewer District, the Hamilton County Water & Soil Conservation District, the Mill Creek Restoration Project, and the Mill Creek Watershed Council to develop a Stormwater Management: Train the Trainers Program to inform and educate planning commissioners, council members and administrators on stormwater management. This program will fulfill one of the mandates of the Clean Water Act Phase II Stormwater Management Plan. The program will be offered in the Spring 2002 .

Cost of Government Services Study

The Planning Partnership has invited all forty-nine political jurisdictions in Hamilton County to submit data for the study "Cost of Government Services". The purpose of the study is to map the fiscal trends and service levels of the communities in the County. Based on the data provided some communities will be interviewed to clarify or expand on the characteristics of their communities. Other financial directors or administrators may schedule an interview to ensure data is interpreted appropriately. The study, currently in its First Phase has no cost to the participating communities. Villages, cities and townships will participate in a "Jurisdiction Review" the last week in February.

Launching in 2002: Planning Commissioners' Certified Program

The Certified Planning Commissioners' Program is a 16-hour workshop designed for the planning commissioners (citizen planner) interested in acquiring the basic knowledge to perform his/her role, as well as for the seasoned planning commissioner looking for a refresher.

The course is designed in such a way that over the course of the training, half a day will be devoted to review and reinforce basic principles of planning, zoning, meeting management and facilitation skills through presentations and in-class discussion. The second half of the day will be devoted to a hands-on exercise where theory will be put into practice. All registrants will get a "Recommended Readings" packet prior to the workshop. A list of supplemental reading material will be provided. Each participant will get a handbook with samples of key information.

The course has been designed based on the input of a focus group of planning and zoning commissioners representing a cross-section of communities in Hamilton County and Northern Kentucky.

Planning Partnership sponsors Silverton Charette

The Cincinnati Section of the Ohio Planning Conference (OPC) in conjunction with the University of Cincinnati School of Planning and The Planning Partnership held its first annual Professional Planning Charette/Workshop on November 27, 2001 in the City of Silverton, Ohio. The purpose of the event was to celebrate World Town Planning Day (Nov. 8) through the promotion and initiation of planning in a local community. This Charette/Workshop will be an annual event where local planners come together for a day to offer professional advice to a local city, village or neighborhood in hope that the ideas generated from the Charette/Workshop would be used for future planning endeavors. The City of Silverton is a member of the Planning Partnership.

The Planning Partnership Survey

Look in the mail for the Planning Partnership Annual Survey that will be distributed to all the membership at the end of December. Make sure to return the survey by the end of January 2002. Your full participation will help the Executive Committee to get a better feel of your knowledge and perceptions about the progress of the Partnership. This survey will also allow the Partnership to identify need areas where additional services need to be developed.

Planning Partnership Annual Meeting

Save the date! The Annual Meeting will be on Monday April 8, 2002 10:30 am – 2:30 pm.



Planning Partnership

HAMILTON COUNTY
Regional Planning Commission

Upcoming Events

January 2002

Event	Date	Time	Location	Contact
COMPASS Facilitator Training	January 9 January 10 January 11	TBA (six times will be available)	TBA	Steve Johns 946-4457
COMPASS Community Forum	January 12	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	Music Hall	Steve Johns 946-4457
Executive Committee	January 24	9:00 am – 11:00 am	Drake Conference Center Room D	Bob Schuler 891-6293
Membership Committee	January 24	11:00 am – 1:00 pm	Drake Conference Center Room D	Adam Goetzman 598-3060
Program Committee	January 15	11:30 am – 1:30 pm	Wyoming Administration Building	Joanne Gerson 793-2648

February 2002

Event	Date	Time	Location	Contact
Executive Committee	February 28	9:00 am – 11:00 am	Drake Conference Center Room H	Bob Schuler 891-6293
Membership Committee	February 28	11:00 am – 1:00 pm	Drake Conference Center Room H	Adam Goetzman 598-3060
Program Committee	February 12	10:00 am – 12:00 pm	Wyoming Administration Building	Joanne Gerson 793-2648
Cost of Government Services Jurisdiction Review meetings	TBA	TBA	TBA	Catalina Landivar-Simon 946-4455

March 2002

Event	Date	Time	Location	Contact
Certified Planning Commissioners' Program	March 5 & 6	8:30 am – 4:30 pm	Drake Conference Center Room G	Catalina Landivar-Simon 946-4455
Executive Committee	March 28	9:00 am- 1:00 am	Drake Conference Center Room H	Catalina Landivar-Simon 946-4455
Membership Committee	TBA	TBA	TBA	Adam Goetzman 598-3060
Program Committee	TBA	TBA	TBA	Joanne Gerson 793-2648
Cost of Government Services Final Presentation	TBA	TBA	TBA	Catalina Landivar-Simon 946-4455

April 2002

Event	Date	Time	Location	Contact
Planning Partnership Annual Meeting	April 8	10:30 am – 2:30 pm	TBA	Joanne Gerson 793-2648
Executive Committee	April 25	9:00 am- 11:00 am	Drake Conference Center Room H	Catalina Landivar-Simon 946-4455
Membership Committee	April 25	TBA	TBA	Adam Goetzman 598-3060
Program Committee	TBA	TBA	TBA	Joanne Gerson 793-2648

Note: Schedule of meetings posted as submitted on December 12, 2001. Please confirm with the listed contact person or check the Planning Partnership website:

www.hamilton-co.org/hcrpc/planptrn.